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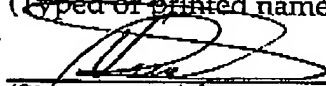
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38 Sir:

39 In response to the recent Office action, please amend the above
40 referenced application as follows.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Examiner has objected the abstract of the disclosure because it contains the term "means". Applicant has amended the abstract of the disclosure obviate the Examiner's objections.

The Examiner has objected the specifications because the trademarks "Velcro" and "Ziploc" mentioned in page 6 should appear in all capital letters. Applicant has amended the specifications (page 6) to obviate the Examiner's objections.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Also, the Examiner stated that claims 3 through 6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggestion to overcome the informalities of the claims by incorporating claim 2 into claim 1 and claim 3 now depends on claim 1.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Chang. Alternatively, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Japanese '216. Alternatively, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Japanese '227. Applicant's proposed amendments obviate the Examiner's rejections.